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University hopes to host 2011 Universiade

Edmonton beats out Calgary to be Canada's bid city; final decision expected in 2007

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Senior News Editor

The University of Alberta could be the centre of the next major sporting event to come to Edmonton.

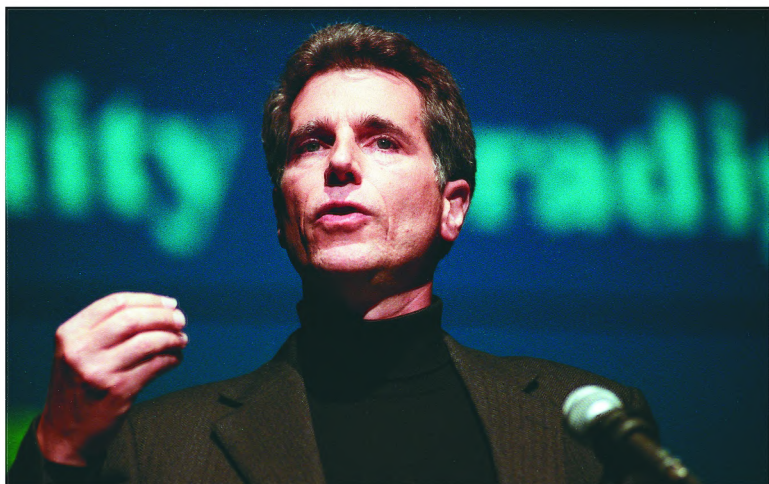
On Tuesday, it was announced that Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) had selected Edmonton as Canada's bid city for the 2011 Summer World University Games, also known as the Universiade. Calgary and the University of Calgary had proposed a bid for the 2011 Winter Universiade, but CIS ultimately decided to go with Edmonton. Edmonton previously hosted the summer Games in 1983, the only time Canada has ever hosted either the summer or winter version.

"The CIS Board was presented with two outstanding bids from both Calgary and Edmonton," Jean-Guy Ouellette, Chair of the CIS International Committee, said in a release. "It was a difficult decision to select one city to continue in the bid process with, as we were confident that both communities had the experience and capacity to deliver an outstanding set of Games."

Edmonton will now attempt to finalize the details of the bid, including funding and a business plan. The CIS board of directors will decide in April if they'll submit the bid to the Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU), the international governing body for university sport. The final decision on who will host the games will be announced on 16 January, 2007.

The impact of the 1983 Games is still prevalent on campus. The Butterdome, whose official name is the Universiade Pavilion, was built for those Games, and the Universiade Scholarship is still given out each year; this year, 30 scholarships of \$2000 each are available. Dr. Michael Mahon, dean of the U of A's Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, said he expects similar legacies if Edmonton is awarded the 2011 Games. He also stressed the value for athletes of having the Games at home.

"Hosting these games in Edmonton represents an incredible opportunity for Canadian university athletes, particularly because the Olympics will be held the following year," he said.



NOTHING HERE IS WHAT IT SEEMS Thomas Homer-Dixon argued that humanity needs to be prepared for major unexpected challenges in the 21st century.

Ingenuity needed to avoid disaster: Homer-Dixon

Award-winning author kicks off Revolutionary Speakers Series with predictions of major world change

TRISTAN FOLLINSBEE
News Writer

As we enter the 21st century, our civilization is facing unprecedented problems with which our political and economic institutions may be unable to cope. These problems, however, bring with them incredible opportunities for innovation, according to Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon, the director of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies.

Homer-Dixon, who is also an associate professor in the University of Toronto's Department of Political Science, gave this year's first lecture for the Students' Union's Revolutionary Speakers Series Tuesday night in the Horowitz Theatre. Homer-Dixon's lecture focused on the problems of—and the potential solutions for—the unique challenges of the 21st century.

"In the next five decades or so, within your lifetimes, we are going to see astonishing changes in our world, changes as great and profound as our species has seen at any time in its history," he told the crowd of 181 people. "These changes are going to affect us as individuals, as a country and as a global civilization. These changes are going to be sharp and sudden; most are going to be unpredictable and some are going to hurt us, perhaps severely."

Homer-Dixon, author of the award-winning book *The Ingenuity Gap*,

focused on three major problems facing the modern world, and the challenges they present to human ingenuity: decreasing natural resources, climate change and "mega-terrorism." These problems are made more difficult to correct because of the supremacy of traditional economics in the political sphere, according to Homer-Dixon.

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THOMAS HOMER-DIXON

"I am concerned that [the economic discourse] has absolutely permeated our way of looking at the world, and in this discourse, human beings are cost-benefit calculators; they're like little calculating machines constantly calculating the costs and benefits in their lives," said Homer-Dixon.

Homer-Dixon said the drawback with this view is that it prevents societies from dealing with long-term

problems, like global warming or decreasing supplies of fossil fuels. The solution, he said, is increasing human ingenuity. The difficulty, though, is that increasingly complex problems require even more complex solutions, and he suggested that without immediate action, global warming, terrorism and insufficient oil supplies could become insurmountable problems.

The discovery of new sources of oil peaked in 1964 and has since declined. While extraction of oil is still increasing, there is uncertainty about how much may be left, according to Homer-Dixon.

"At the moment, we are producing somewhere between two and four times more oil than we are discovering. This is something that has been widely noted in the oil industry, and it means, essentially, that we're using capital, we're burning through oil reserves that we discovered decades ago. Needless to say, this is not sustainable," said Homer-Dixon.

He said that while there are potential sources of energy that could replace oil, they require investment and scientific research—human ingenuity—and those require political will that has not yet been forthcoming.

He next addressed the problem of global warming, which he said is a critical threat to our way of life. He quoted studies of ice cores from the Antarctic that show a definite correlation between increased atmospheric

carbon dioxide and increased temperatures, and noted that present levels of carbon dioxide are now twice what they were at the end of the last ice age. "This is an emergency. And we need to start thinking of it that way."

He went on to describe the third large potential threat to global security: "mega-terrorism." Increased economic and technological links, he said, have made us more vulnerable to terrorist attacks, while at the same time, better weapons technology and the amount of nuclear material in the world have made potential terrorist attacks much more dangerous.

"This is an entirely new historical situation; it has never been possible for a few people to destroy entire cities before. Of all the things I say tonight, the one thing I want to get across is that that fact alone is going to rewrite the future, and it is going to pose a profound threat to our democratic liberties, and to the very essence of our liberal societies," said Homer-Dixon.

He said potential solutions to these crises are scientific research, human ingenuity, changing the ways economic markets work, and political will, but noted that each brings other problems.

"Brains are the engine of our ingenuity supply; the question is, is this apparatus that evolved on the plains of Africa appropriate for the kinds of challenges we face today? And in some cases I argue it isn't, and that's a problem for us," said Homer-Dixon.

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Muir causes a stir

First-year track phenom Carline Muir could be an Aggie out at Texas A&M. Instead, she chose to be a Panda.

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A dose of Anthrax

Heavy metal veterans Anthrax have reunited their classic lineup for a 20-year anniversary tour.

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SEEUINA WEEK

We'll be in Vancouver this weekend learning about newspaper making, plus we've got midterms just like the rest of y'all. Accordingly, there will be no Gateway on Tuesday.

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COUNCIL FORUM

Compiled by Ross Prusakowski

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6pm. Council meetings are open to all students. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1 November.

COUNCILORS BUSY; COUNCIL, NOT SO MUCH

Judging by the chill in the air, the sudden lack of leaves upon the trees across campus, and the frantic studying seen in SUB, fall has undeniably arrived on campus. And as councilors are students themselves, more than a few members of Students' Council were felled by illness or examinations, leaving the rest of their colleagues to deal with the slim agenda before them.

PAC TO THE FUTURE: PART II

Thin though the agenda was, it marked the return of the Physical Activities Complex (PAC) issue to Council, though in a different form than when it was first considered. This time councilors were considering a petition regarding the PAC, which was drafted by the Bylaw Committee on the request of

Chad Fletcher, the chair of the Recreation Action Committee (RAC). Previously, Council had been grappling with a minimal success, over the merits of putting a plebiscite question on the ballot, but this time the debate was limited to deciding if the Bylaw Committee had fulfilled its duties assigned in bylaw and had drafted a question that met the intent of RAC.

Once Fletcher acknowledged that the question did meet RAC's intent, Council approved the question. This came despite suggestions from some councilors that RAC was already collecting signatures on the issue, an act of dubious legality and uncertain consequences under bylaw if they were proven.

The approval of the wording by Council means that if five per cent of undergraduates sign the petition, a plebiscite on the question will be added to the ballot during the SU Executive election in March.

Just prior to the approval, SU President Graham Lettner informed Council that Dr Michael Mahon, dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, had assured him that, while a petition was now being pursued to get PAC on the ballot, the faculty—which is acting in support of RAC—wasn't changing strategies midstream. Instead, Lettner said the faculty stated they were just trying to protect themselves on the issue and not be caught unprepared,

and were still interested in discussing SU involvement in the proposed building.

REBUKE REPORT

While PAC was the only substantive legislative item—Council did approve a pair of bills clarifying and cleaning up bylaws—the members of the Executive Committee present did have a few important updates for councilors.

Vice-President (Operations and Finance) Jason Tobias noted that he was "very frustrated" that the Budget and Finance Committee had only met twice since he assumed office in May, and that the last meeting was in the summer. He noted that since he isn't invested with the authority to do some of the reviews required under bylaw, this is impeding his job, and he proceeded to rebuke the members of the committee for their inability to reach quorum.

GOOD FINANCIAL NEWS, BAD FINANCIAL NEWS

Tobias then informed Council that the September Financials were in and that while the Week of Welcome didn't meet budget because of some bad weather, it still made money. He also noted that the SU Handbook turned a \$3000 profit as a result of higher advertising revenue, much better than projected, and that the bar smoking ban implemented by the SU had a worse effect than had first been

thought. RATT is \$4000 behind budget projections, while the Powerplant is \$17 000 behind its budget.

BOOKSTORE BREAK

After the financial update, Vice-President (Academic) Mat Johnson told Council that after a three-year effort by various VPAs, the University Bookstore had—pending approval from the Provost—agreed to reduce its margins on textbook sales.

This means that students will now be paying a 30 percent rather than 22 per cent margin on all required academic materials purchased in the bookstore, and that the new margin now is revenue neutral and only represents necessary costs like power and staff salaries. Johnson noted that the sale of other products from the bookstore, such as clothing and U of A-branded products, would continue to be sold for profit.

COUNCIL NOTES

• Bryce Krusta, Arts councilor and chair of the Audit Committee, said the committee was very proud of itself because it had just met for the first time since the summer, and it had also approved the audit of the Gateway Student Journalism Society, a necessary step for all dedicated fee recipients before they can receive their levy money from the Students' Union.

STREETERS

On Tuesday, the University of Alberta and Edmonton were selected as Canada's bid city for the 2011 Summer World Universiade Games, beating out Calgary. Edmonton previously hosted the Games in 1983.

What do you think about the Universiade potentially returning to Edmonton?

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It will bring a spotlight to our university and its athletics department.

I think it'll be sweet. I mean, how often do we get that much exposure to other universities? It will help show what the U of A can do—which is kick ass, hopefully.

I think that would be cool. It will be good exposure for the University.

We hosted the games in '83, and it seems to be a lasting legacy until today, so I guess it would be a good thing and maybe last another 20 years.

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Resident doctors want new contract

CHLOE FIEDRO
Deputy News Editor

The U of A considers itself to have one of the best medical schools in the country, but despite its strong points, resident doctors are concerned with the current work conditions in the province and are pushing for change.

The Professional Association of Residents of Alberta (PARA), which represents Alberta's 1200 resident doctors, has been trying to negotiate a new contract since their last agreement expired over 16 months ago, said Dr Roona Sinha, PARA president and resident doctor at the University Hospital. Sinha has been working under the expired contract for her entire time at the hospital.

"I've never worked under a valid contract," she said. "I think I was nervous about the fact that I don't know what's going to come. I don't know if things are going to improve, or if they are going to stay the same. I guess the biggest thing is the uncertainty."

George Elleker, associate dean of post-graduate medical education at the University's Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, explained that resident doctors practice on-the-job training, working as physicians in a hospital under supervision while acquiring either specialization or advanced training in family medicine.

"I say they're playpuses, because they're students but they're also, in a sense, employees of the regional health authority," Elleker said.

The work conditions and salaries of resident doctors are governed by a

collective agreement between PARA and the Council of Academic Health Centres of Alberta (CAHCA), which represents the U of A's Faculty of Medicine, Capital Health, Calgary Health, the University of Calgary, the Alberta Cancer Board and all health facilities in Alberta. Sinha explained that PARA began the bargaining process with CAHCA for a new contract in the spring of 2004; however, the agreement expired on 30 June, 2004, meaning residents have been working under the terms and conditions of the expired contract. Furthermore, Sinha said CAHCA has not responded to PARA's proposed new contract, which was drafted last year, nor have they responded with an offer of their own.

"I think the fact that there isn't a contract is a deterrent, mostly because it just shows a lack of respect from the side of the government and the [regional health] authority with respect to residents and how important they view young physicians in the big picture of healthcare," she said.

Despite the lack of contract, Elleker said other factors play into choosing a location for residency, and that the current conditions in Alberta probably won't affect recruitment.

"Although resident salary plays a role, and working conditions play a role, my take is that the level of interest in a discipline plays a bigger role, that the location in terms of the city... plays a bigger role than salary," he said.

"That's arguable, obviously, but my take on it is that students pay much less attention to salary and working conditions than to those considerations."

Sinha agreed with Elleker, citing the reason she chose to work in Alberta under the current conditions.

"Despite the fact that there's no contract, I think that the U of A has excellent training programs in post-graduate medicine, and that's the main reason that I chose to come here for residency," Sinha said.

Resident physicians literally live within the hospitals during shifts that average 77 hours a week (hence the name "resident"), according to PARA. Though studies have shown that such hours pose a risk to both patients and doctors, these conditions are permitted under the current resident contract.

"The main issue is work conditions, more patient safety-type issues. But, really, everything under our contract is under dispute, because we haven't settled anything," Sinha said.

Elleker said that CAHCA's inability to negotiate a contract is not an imminent concern, but that work conditions need to be addressed.

"I don't think it's a huge problem. I think it's, I hesitate to use the word, disrespectful," Elleker said. "I think there are issues around the number of hours that residents work, the impact of fatigue on performance—and they're front-line doctors, they're doing front-line work. I say that in the context of some major system-wide shortages of healthcare workers, and there are lots of folks that are working long hours that are potentially risky to patients," Elleker said.

As of press time, the Gateway's calls to the provincial government for comment hadn't been returned.

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New handbook attacks student stress

NATALIE CLIMENHAGA
News Staff

With misdeeds on the minds of most students on campus lately, statistics claiming that about one third of university students suffer from elevated levels of psychological stress are beginning to seem low.

In fact, Dr Kim Maertz from the University of Alberta's Student Counselling Services (SCS) wonders whether there are any students who don't experience stress on a daily basis.

Maertz explained that students are entitled to twelve free 50-minute counselling sessions per academic year with SCS. But for those who feel an hour on a psychologist's couch isn't what they need, a new booklet has been made available to helpfully answer some of their concerns.

The booklet, which costs \$10, is entitled *Everything You Ever Needed to Know About Coping with Student Life But Were Afraid to Ask*, and includes psychologist-recommended strategies to cope with common student problems: stress, depression, sleep problems, procrastination, test anxiety, panic attacks, anger, lack of assertiveness and perfectionism.

Maertz, who has been working for SCS for over seven years, was motivated to write the book based on the success of pamphlets he created over the years to address individual psychological distresses. He hoped the book would circulate this same information on a larger scale.

"My goal [was to] make it succinct, comprehensive and really address some of [these] common issues that we deal with here [at SCS]," Maertz explained.

Maertz further acknowledged stigma still remains around going for psychological assistance.



I'M FEELING THIS STRESSED Kim Maertz, author of an anti-stress handbook.

"Our society is changing over time, but we're not at the place where booking a psychologist and booking a doctor's appointment are considered equivalent," he said.

"I think there's more the student could do to improve the student experience than just saying, 'You're going to go insane, and here's how to cope with it.'"

JUSTIN KEOHE,
STUDENTS' UNION VP (STUDENT LIFE)

"What we're saying [here at SCS] is there are a lot of students who don't get to us, so they also need [a way to obtain] the information," Maertz explained.

SU Vice-President (Student Life) Justin Keohé emphasized that it's important to ensure the availability of

information and/or counselling sessions aren't viewed as the only answer to student stressors.

"I think there's more the University could do to improve the student experience than just saying, 'You're going to go insane, and here's how to cope with it,'" Keohé said.

Keohé highlighted the range of stress contributors in students' lives, from academic and financial troubles to personal challenges such as relationships and family commitments. And, in his opinion, only by addressing these issues will students be able to minimize, rather than just deal with, these issues.

Still, despite expressing concerns over the booklet's \$10 price tag, Keohé said he found it to be a positive undertaking overall.

"I don't see this as a solution to the problem, but it's increasing awareness of the service and making it more accessible to those who [may] feel a little uneasy about booking an appointment with a big scary psychologist," Keohé said. "Hopefully this is a step in the right direction."

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FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET The new Alberta SuperNet connects the U of A to institutions around the province.

It's a bird, it's a plane ... it's SuperNet!

New province-wide high-speed network links schools, libraries and government to colleagues, brings broadband internet to smaller communities

EDMOND ROUTEA
News Staff

Faster than a typical broadband Internet connection, able to leap from city to city in the blink of an eye, the newly completed Alberta SuperNet aims to connect every school, library, government agency, business and community across the province.

The SuperNet, a provincial initiative born from the partnering of public and private interests, was finally completed and fully operational as of 30 September. In addition to connecting various institutions, it also intends to provide high-speed Internet access to remote and rural areas where such services are lacking.

"Much of rural Alberta did not have this kind of access—they were either on dialup or very expensive connections," said Bill Hart, communications manager of Asta NetMedia, a company contracted by the province to manage and support access to the SuperNet.

Hart explained the importance of the province in bridging the "digital divide," making opportunities to use the network useful to as many people as possible. With approximately 4200 government agencies in 429 communities connected, Hart said the SuperNet will stimulate new economic opportunities—and competition—by allowing Internet service providers (ISPs) to lease the network's bandwidth. Hart also mentioned that ISPs will be able to enter new, untapped markets where high-speed Internet

service was previously non-existent.

"One of the challenges [of offering high-speed Internet service] was areas like Rainbow Lake or Pincher Creek, or the smaller towns outside the core cities," he said. "Because these markets are so small, service providers would never recoup their investment, but SuperNet now has a point of presence in these smaller communities, and service providers can now use the SuperNet network to get out to these communities."

New academic opportunities will benefit postsecondary institutions—especially the University of Alberta, which is one of the largest users connected—according to Kevin Watts, acting manager of voice and data network services for the University's Academic Information and Communications Technologies.

"The SuperNet is being implemented to support teaching, learning, and research at our remote campuses," he said, referring to Campus Saint-Jean and the Augustana Faculty in Camrose. "This network is also used for connectivity between the University and its satellite offices."

Watts explained that the SuperNet will ease the sharing of information and resources between members of the academic and research communities.

"The SuperNet has brought broadband networks to these locations that otherwise would not have been possible. This paves the way for researchers to use the network to move data in real time. That wasn't possible before," he

said. Moving the data in real time also brings about new applications that will run upon the SuperNet network infrastructure. The University has installed VOIP [Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol, a method of routing telephone conversations over computer networks] equipment at its SuperNet-connected sites, Watts said, enabling the University to conduct video conferencing to other postsecondary institutions, school boards and libraries across the province and, perhaps, the rest of world.

Erwin Loewen, senior network analyst for Alberta Education, emphasized the potential benefits in enhancing communication between the public sector and postsecondary institutions.

"Plans are underway to have shared core systems in place in SuperNet so that the entire public sector can easily communicate using videoconferencing over SuperNet. This will enhance collaboration within the learning system as well as within the public sector," Loewen said. "Imagine the Faculty of Health delivering a professional development course to nurses in Grande Prairie, or a U of A law class observing a live court case in an Alberta courtroom somewhere."

Other potential applications for the SuperNet include improved delivery of multimedia-rich course content to off-campus sites, the consolidation of large databases and voluminous library catalogs, secure virtual private networks and new online distance-learning opportunities for students.

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'Adoptions' covering tuition for Concordia University students

ELISE HUGUS
The Link

MONTREAL (CUP)—Concordia University students having a hard time making ends meet can now put themselves up for financial adoption.

Through the new Adopt-a-Student program, students receive a stipend from a corporate or individual donor with a \$500 to \$2500 yearly commitment. Through there are numerous bursary programs available through the Financial Aid and Awards Office, this is the first instance of direct sponsorship at Concordia.

Kathy Assayag, Concordia's Vice-President of Advancement and Alumni Relations, said 235 students will each receive \$2500 this year—enough money to pay a Quebec student's tuition fees.

"Based on the number of applications from students, we were meeting one tenth of financial need last year," said Assayag. "That's why we put emphasis on this program; we want to close that gap."

If recipients maintain decent grades and their financial need stays the same, they can expect three years of funding. Additionally, applicants to the program must qualify for financial aid—which makes international

students ineligible.

Adopt-a-Student is intended to appeal to donors who want to see the individual impact of their contributions to the University. Though donors can specify which department of the University they'd prefer their money to go to, awards are made at the discretion of the Financial Aid and Awards Office. "Adoptees" are encouraged to get in touch with their benefactors, and even to establish a relationship over the years.

"Most alumni attribute where they are today in life to the University, and they want to be able to do the same for someone else," Assayag said. "We hope it leads to a cycle of continual giving."

In the three weeks of its existence, the program has raised a lot of interest—and a few eyebrows.

Bianca Mugenyi, acting deputy chair of the Canadian Federation of Students' Quebec chapter, said the program points to a need for increased university funding, but sets a precedent for privatization.

"It's a systemic problem, but not a systemic solution," Mugenyi said. "If we need programs like this, it's pretty clear that we haven't succeeded in improving accessibility [to education]."

Faced with rising costs of living and mounting debt, many students are turning to private sources to support their education. Mugenyi said she fears this will lead to further cuts in government funding.

"Education is a right; we shouldn't be begging for money from private individuals," she said. "That said, if anyone wants to adopt me, step right up!"

Assayag agreed that the Quebec government hasn't done enough to fund public education, but said she sees private donations as a way to make up the difference.

"The University has grown a lot, and it's going to take a lot of financial resources to keep this going," says Assayag. "We see this as a partnership, not as privatization."

As Concordia expands—both in terms of physical space and student body—alumni play a pivotal role in the University's financial future. According to the 2003/04 President's Report, Concordia received over \$15 million from private sources that year.

Adopt-a-Student is the brainchild of Richard J. Renaud and Leonard Ellen, both members of the Board of Governors with University buildings named after them.

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Student loans reduced for BC students

BRYN HALLAM
CUP British Columbia Bureau Chief

VICTORIA (CUP)—Nearly 25 000 students in British Columbia have had their student loans reduced as part of a new government program.

"We're opening up access to higher learning by focusing on students who have more need of financial assistance to complete their education and realize their dreams," said Murray Coall, BC's Minister for Advanced Education. "With this program, the deeper the need, the greater the grant."

A total of \$65.5 million in provincial student loans is being forgiven, with an average debt reduction of \$2644.

But some student groups say the new program doesn't provide as much non-repayable provincial financial assistance as students enjoyed under the previous program.

Lisa MacLeod, BC chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, says the program isn't as effective as the old

grant program, which was eliminated in 2004.

That program provided eligible students between 20 and 40 per cent of their loans as non-repayable grants. Unlike the debt reduction program, students knew as soon as they received their loans if they had received grants.

"It's better than nothing, but it isn't as good as the grants," MacLeod said of the new program.

Under the old program, single students received an average of \$3500 as non-repayable grants, while students with dependents received \$8000. Those amounts are now \$2500 and \$6600, respectively.

And depending on the annual budget of the program and the number of students who qualify, the amount of the reductions could fluctuate.

"Students don't receive a stable amount of funding," said MacLeod.

"They don't receive [the money] up front. It just isn't as effective."

The program has a budget of \$67.1

million, with the provincial government contributing \$30 million and the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation contributing the remaining \$37.1 million.

Students with dependents will benefit the most—those who borrowed the maximum amount will receive either \$6584 or \$7820, depending on how many years they have had student loans. Single students who borrowed the maximum amount will receive a \$2504 reduction.

For the 2004/05 year, the BC student loan threshold was set at \$36.34 per week of study. For students with a typical 34-week course load, any BC student loans they have beyond \$1235.56 will be forgiven if they successfully complete their courses.

Tuition in BC has increased 88 per cent since 2002/03, when a six-year freeze was lifted. Tuition fees rose by an average of 2.9 per cent this year, thanks to a government cap that limited tuition increases to the rate of inflation.

BC's sensitive ecosystems disappearing: study

MATTHEW GAUK
The Martlet

VICTORIA (CUP)—A recent study mapping the elimination of some of British Columbia's most sensitive ecosystems has found they are disappearing at an alarming rate.

Aerial photographs taken in the early 1990s were compared with photos taken in 2002 to build an ecological map. The map covers the Nanaimo Lowlands, a coastal ecological region ranging from Campbell River south to Victoria, and the results are divided up into regional units.

Completed in June by Axis Environmental Consulting, the report is an update to the Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory (SEI), a joint federal/provincial project aimed at mapping and recording disturbances in environ-

mentally sensitive areas.

Nanaimo, about 100km north of Victoria, has fared the worst according to the study, having lost 7.1 per cent of its sensitive ecosystems, or 411.3 hectares, since the start of the project.

The Comox-Strathcona region lost 5.6 per cent, or 483.6 hectares. Cowichan was next on the list, then the Gulf Islands, and finally the Capital Region with 1.6 per cent, or 140.2 hectares, of its sensitive ecosystems lost.

The Conservation Data Centre (CDC) of BC's Ministry of the Environment initiated the mapping project in 1993, working in partnership with the Canadian Wildlife Service and regional districts.

"Basically, we make the information available to all users, and, of course, the east side of Vancouver Island being one of the primary focuses was so that

local government would have inventory information available to make land-planning and land-use decisions," said Carmen Cadrin, a program ecologist for the CDC.

Bill Matthews, vice-chair of the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, said he's found the report helpful when issuing development permits, but also has some reservations.

"We agree with the contents and think it's useful information, but the majority of problem areas in the reductions are beyond our control in forestry and agricultural terms," he said.

"When you have the kind of growth we're experiencing, you're bound to have a reduction in the ecosystems," added Matthews. The Comox-Strathcona region leads the Island in the loss of non-sensitive ecosystems like second-growth forests.

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Canada shifts the bed, but ignores the smell

CANADA LIKES TO PROMOTE ITSELF as a wealthy, environmentally responsible, socially conscious and overall healthy society, and to brag that it's one of the best countries in the world in which to live. However, its global status has been slipping behind that of other industrialized nations for the past few years in crucial areas. In fact, this week it was announced that Canada has dropped in relative ranking schemes because of environmental issues, productivity results and ethical government practices.

First, as Canadians, we like to believe that we're a nation of environmentally responsible individuals, conscious of the status of the depleting ozone, the melting ice caps and air pollution, among other things. However, it must be noted that, despite our willingness to sign the Kyoto Accord, we haven't done much to protect the environment.

A recent report from the David Suzuki Foundation ranked Canada 28 out of the 30 member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) based on its environmental performance. Our environmental record is sinking to the bottom, with only Belgium (29) and the United States (30) ranking worse. The report named water as one of the greatest areas of waste in Canada, a resource our nation uses at almost double the rate of the OECD average. Furthermore, it revealed that three provinces still dump raw sewage into the ocean.

The study, which was conducted by an independent team of researchers from Simon Fraser University, found that Canada's greenhouse-gas emissions are two times higher than average for other industrialized nations, while smog-causing air pollutants are two to three times higher. If the destruction of the environment is something that our country will accept, it should at least provide some sort of economic advantage, but that's not the case.

In fact, Canada's productivity has stagnated, and our position in the global economy is slipping. Canada is especially behind in the area of research and development, where other countries are thriving, and this affects the amount of investment our country can attract. The Conference Board of Canada, which ranks industrialized countries for their performance in various economic categories, ranked Canada 12th in their annual report, dropping from third place in 2003, and sixth place in 2004. Even with these glaring facts, Canadians are mostly complacent and unconcerned with our country's economic decline.

A recent poll conducted by the Federal Finance Department reported that the general population is skeptical about whether our country's lagging productivity is even a problem. This type of denial will not help improve the poor state of Canada's economy.

In addition to all of this, Canada has been sliding on the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index for the past three years, meaning there is a marked increase in the perceived level of government corruption. Where our country was once regularly ranked fifth, this year Canada was ranked 14th. The global community's perception of Canada may seem alarming, but once again, Canadians don't really seem to care. There are no imminent protests, nor any demands for reform in the government. In fact, the general response to this news seems to elicit a response of shock that Canada is so high on the list. After the sponsorship scandal, Canadians just seem to have accepted that the government will inevitably break the rules.

Canadians need to face up to the fact that our country is not as fine as it once was. That's not to say we should suppress our national pride, or whine endlessly about our relapse, but perhaps a little protest would do some good. It's time Canadians showed they care about the declining state of our country, and made an effort to increase its standing in the global community. Not so we can brag about how great we are, but because it's our home, and making sure it's a top-notch place to live is important.

CHLOE FEZIO
Deputy News Editor

LETTERS

U-Pass more than passes the test, Hirji

In response to Mustafa Hirji's 13 October letter to the contrary ("U-Pass too expensive, not necessary"), the U-Pass remains a vital and promising proposal which continues to move forward with renewed interest from the University, potentially as a financial stakeholder.

Most seriously, Hirji extrapolates wrongheadedly from his own experience that the "U-Pass would indiscriminately raise costs for those poor students who don't use public transit ... in order to help well-off bus riders like me." Firstly, not everyone who rides the bus is "well-off" neither is everyone who doesn't ride "poor." In any case, a subsidized U-Pass would represent a significant saving for the majority of students, whatever their background. Those who were too "poor" to ride before will now have transportation (to school, to work and potentially from more affordable housing) at their disposal at a much more reasonable rate.

He also simplistically asserts that any financial contribution from the University will just get passed back to students in the form of higher tuition. This belies the significant savings (real and opportunity) of getting students out of cars and travelling to and from campus more efficiently. More to the point, the Students' Union will not accept a hidden fee increase as part of the negotiations, and to suggest otherwise is simply preposterous.

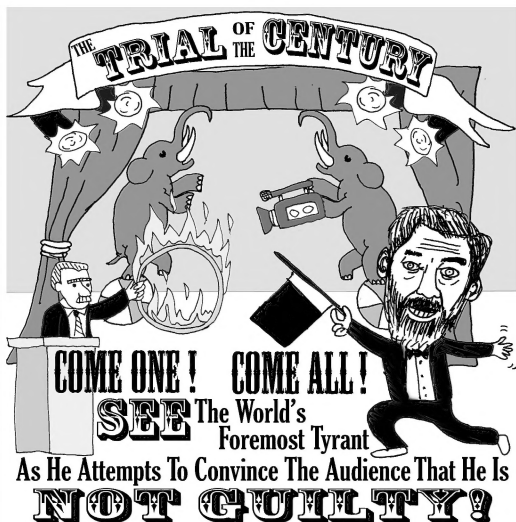
Hirji also suggests that the pass is not necessary because undergrads will not be attending classes in the recently acquired Bay Building downtown, and notes that currently only "a few" Phys Ed students study at the South Campus. While this may be the case today, the University's own growth plan calls for serious integration with the South Campus via the LRT extension, slated for 2008 completion.

Finally, he calls the U-Pass a "regressive system of resource allocation." This utterly misses the point, as resources are only redistributed (and insignificantly, at that) as a means towards the much more significant goal of making public transit more affordable, accessible and attractive to students. This, in turn, fosters large-scale environmental and economic advantages which, sadly, don't even seem to register with Mr. Hirji.

SAMANTHA POWER
Students' Union VP External

Newborn's article disgraceful and offensive

This letter is in response to Andrew Newborn's article "I'm done with the chit-chat" (18 October). First of all, I was shocked and appalled at the ignorance this article exhibited. It's understandable that you might have been a little groggy, and as a result, didn't say hello to the bus driver who welcomed you to the bus that day. However, the fact that you wrote an opinion column advocating the elimination of interaction between strangers is totally wrong. I personally have worked in retail before, and understand that



conversations held under these circumstances can be a bit contrived. Also, the intentions of retail conversations often hold the "sale" as an ulterior motive. This isn't the case with your bus driver, however.

I can't believe that you would condemn somebody for being friendly. The bus driver in this case clearly had nothing to gain from saying hello to you, other than maybe, I don't know, a friendship. Now I'm not the most popular guy around, but I do recall when first meeting the friends I have now, and when first meeting my girlfriend, the word we used to acknowledge each other first was in fact "Hello."

At the end of your article you say you like to launch right into a conversation with what interests you (Star Trek, Nintendo, and hentai), but you can't even say hello to a bus driver who might enjoy these activities just as much as you. It's ironic that a person with apparently so little to say to strangers writes an opinion column directed at thousands of strangers. Maybe the real problem here is that you like to speak, but you're too ignorant to listen.

TOM GILLARD
Education III

Troughton ignores Conservative programs, initiatives

In his editorial ("Take a lesson, Conservatives, diversify your assets," 18 October), Jake Troughton makes a very good point: that Canadians care about the integrity of their government, but that they care about other issues, as well.

Sadly, Mr. Troughton seems to have ignored many recent announcements from Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party on the issues that matter most to Canadians.

For example, in August, Mr. Harper announced a policy to provide tax credits for public transit users. This will simultaneously reduce the tax burden, decrease congestion and

help the environment.

In September, Mr. Harper announced his plan to resolve the longstanding softwood lumber dispute with the United States. It advocated a much more aggressive approach and the appointment of a special envoy to deal exclusively with this issue.

In October, Mr. Harper stated his strategy to tackle Canada's critical shortage of skilled trades. His approach is to provide financial incentives to labourers and employers who hire apprentices.

Voters care about more than just corruption. That's why the Conservative Party of Canada has a host of policies that will benefit all Canadians. While it is unfortunate that Mr. Troughton has chosen to ignore them, I hope that other students will take a more objective look at the Conservative program.

CHRIS YOUNG
President
U of A Conservative Association

Angry man needs to relax; it's only hockey

In response to Brian Ramcharan's 18 October article, ("Your time has come, Jeremy Roenick!"), Please Brian, point out the obvious weakness you see in the non-contending Kings. Is it their stacked top-nine forwards that show the new NHL what depth is really about? The names Brown and Frolow should strike fear into the league, and they will, but Canada doesn't know them quite yet.

I won't name our legendary veterans and their poise. No one will know what to call the late-career emergence of Derrick Armstrong who, at 32, will post 50-plus points from the brink of the AHL three years back. Cammalleri might disappoint, but perhaps not. Avery is the agitator that takes opponents off of their game. But now it appears that Avery might be able to shoot off pucks as well as he shoots off his

mouth. Surprise, surprise.

On D7 Tim Gleason is a two-way treat and will complement a now-mature Lubomir Visnovsky. No need to mention the names of our top two vets here; you know their contributions and credentials.

Not a surprise I find an old-NHL thinking: Canadian sports writer spouting words like those you wrote to JR. I'm sure he and his ego read them. You're right about that. But the 4-2 Kings have made a splash out of the gate. Labarbera has glimmer of being a star between the pipes, poised and aggressive. And had it not been for the late collapse of Garon in Dallas and against Detroit, you might be looking at 6-0—and you'd know it—or you would if you were watching.

But us King fans thank you for your letter. It'll thank you, too. Because it looks like we may have ourselves the missing link between the pipes to make a run at the Cup. Nice call on your Halbs returning to the dance since their last glory in '93 ("Why my team deserves to win the Cup" 6 October). Perhaps there'll be a sequel with a different ending: "The Miracle on Figueroa, the Angelinos' Strike Back." And my guess is that the first man to host Lord Stanley's prize will be the one you put into your article. And he might just dedicate that moment to you—if he can remember your name.

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Stop the beef with fat people



TESS
ELSWORTHY

A few weeks ago, while strolling down a bike trail near the High Level Bridge, I came across the original and eloquent slogan, "USA=Pig Nation" sprayed on the asphalt path. This motto is trotted out quite regularly in the countercultural magazine *Adbusters*, where it was accompanied in 2004's year-end issue by monstrous illustrations of fat Americans who are apparently a perfect representation of the greed of global capitalism.

I'm certainly no advocate for the excesses of capitalist culture, but I must admit that when I see propaganda critiquing American capitalism with symbols of fat pigs, it makes me want to choke the editors of *Adbusters* with a Krispy Kreme.

Since when has it been fat people, the overweight, heavy folks—or whatever other euphemism we choose to use for them—who are responsible for our oppressive economic world order? Too many leftists ridicule the elite by painting them as fat capitalist pigs, monstrously ballooning out of their mansions and limousines. Here's some news: fat cat capitalists are generally not actually fat.

The reality is that the majority of the richest consumers in the United States are not chubby in the least. George W. Bush has a team of personal trainers. Bill Gates' personal chef serves healthy meals that help him stay thin without even thinking about it. Hollywood stars have liposuction to trim their tummies. No, most fat people in the American Pig Nation are, in fact, at the low end of the economic pyramid—flipping burgers, bagging groceries and eating chips on the night shift. These are the people insulted by the "Pig Nation" slogan, and mocking them is an ineffective waste of time—not to mention petty.

It would be foolish for me to suggest that obesity isn't a growing problem in North America,

but it's equally ridiculous to rant about American consumption without taking into account the fact that studies show obesity rates to be highest among those living at the lowest socioeconomic level. Obesity is an epidemic of the poor. There are millions of people on this continent who work in the fast food industry, and choose to eat on the job because it's cheaper and they are too tired at the end of the day to cook a healthy dinner.

Likewise, there are hordes of people who take their kids to Taco Bell and McDonald's for supper because it's cheaper than cooking a nutritious meal. What does *Adbusters* have to say to those people? Vilifying them isn't a bright way of undermining the individualist impulses that leftists abhor in our culture. Ordinary North Americans are not inherently lazy or greedy, but many of us do find solace in cheap, unhealthy foods, along with cigarettes, caffeine and alcohol. Many of us eat to fill the voids in our lives, or to give ourselves a little pleasure at the end of a long, shitty day. And why wouldn't we? Look at what's marketed to us! And look how young the target markets are!

I'd like to invite left and anti-capitalist communities to get over the boring and misleading fat-as-evil metaphor once and for all. To say that fat people are responsible for the destruction of the environment and the social injustices imposed on the globe by the United States is simple-minded and totally off the mark when the majority of the "fatties" in our neighbouring Pig Nation are poor, and don't make the decisions that have landed the world where it is today.

Perhaps *Adbusters* and the author of the aforementioned graffiti ought to blame the assholes who manufacture our desires for cheap sweet and salty foods instead of pointing the finger at the overweight. Point the finger at the Students' Union for allowing Coke to colonize this University along with nearly every other educational institution on this continent. Ask yourselves what kind of voids Americans are filling with junk food. But please: stop picking on fat people—that trend got old in junior high, and isn't going to politicize anyone. Next time you see an obese person, get the fuck over it. There are better targets for your anger.

Let's put some heat on the SU

Campus needs more microwaves—harass the SU to get them



EVAN
SMITH

Food is expensive. As much as I'm fond of supporting the slightly overpriced fast food industry on campus, I'm also fond of money. I'm fond of having money, and, since at this point in human history we still don't think that edible money is a good idea, having money and having food are mutually exclusive. Thus, some problems arise, namely, how I can keep my money and not starve to death.

Luckily for me and other incompetents like myself, some greater incompetent solved this problem long ago. His (or her, there's no gender bias on incompetence) theory on food consumption is still used today, and is referred to as, "Brown Baggin' It."

Let us engage in a brief history lesson. You see, at one time or another, someone started Brown Baggin' cold food that needed to be heated before consumption. So in 1822 fire was invented. Fire worked well for a time, but was notoriously unpredictable. Finally, a serendipitous event led us to the microwave.

Glorious day. Finally physics had accomplished something beneficial to society. The brown-baggers rejoiced. There was no longer a need to gather kindling before every meal. And for a time, it was good.

Now, my diet is poor. I have no concerns for my health; my body is just the thing that carries my brain between classes. As long as it does that I'm happy. Occasionally, when it's been working well for a week or so, I like to reward it with a proper meal. Mind you, my definition of a proper meal is something that can't effectively be contained within sandwich bags. Meals come in Tupperware. And these meals usually need to be heated. See where I'm going with this?

On one of these days, I was in HUB looking

for a plastic fork to an information booth attendant demanding to know the location of the nearest microwave. She, for some reason unafraid of my petroleum-based tetraed of death, promptly looked through her information bible and told me the closest one was back at Tory. "Excuse me?" I said internally. "Four blocks of eateries and not a single radiation king?" Well, she was right. With the exception of the microwaves within fast food places, there aren't any in HUB.

I travelled to Tory where one microwave sat alone, if not for the company of a ten-person lineup. Today, again, I was in CAB sitting with a friend and had to go to V-Bing in order to find a microwave that may as well have had "Micro-waving Device Prototype Mark II" stamped onto the side. As I waited in yet another line, I held my Tupperware like a codpiece and prayed there was enough lead impurity in it to protect my unborn spawn. Not only that, but there wasn't even a timer on the thing. You just pick a button you like and hope your food—and not your junk—is heated into sterility.

My high school had roughly 400 people in it. We had seven microwaves. I'm told that between SUB, HUB and CAB, there are four general-use microwaves. SUB alone has 18 000 people running through it a day. Make sense?

Mind you, I did discover the SU had looked into the issue ... back in 2001. I'll leave it to you to guess the results of the inquiry. So brown-baggers, are we to stand for this? Can the Lackeys of Lettner not spare the scratch? I think there's a need for at least two to four microwaves for HUB, four for CAB and another four to six for SUB, along with the rest of campus. Plus, since it seems to be school policy to keep the same microwaves for 30-plus years, it's a chance for the SU to give students a gift that'll last for decades.

Just a few more microwaves will save people a collectively large amount of time. If you think I'm right, or just want to try to get the term Lackeys of Lettner to stick, give the SU a call (492-4236). They're there to listen to you. Good luck comrades. See you in line.

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MY GENES MADE ME DO IT Ramin Ostad believes work on genetic differences between races is deeply flawed.

Rushton's work racism in disguise



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There's no humour in racism. This may seem ironic to those who've heard me make seemingly abrasive ethnic jokes. The truth is, however, that there's a huge difference between jabbing at ethnic stereotypes and discriminating against those of a different skin colour. Now, whether or not you find the former offensive, there's no denying that it's harmless compared to the damage of true racism. Creating a hierarchy of the human species based on differences in phenotype is ridiculous. And so, sitting in my Anthropology class, I was taken aback when presented with a lecture based on a foundation of racism—a field designed to exploit the “inherent inadequacies” of the “lower” races. Its modern name is Sociobiology.

I say its modern name because, though Sociobiology itself has only had about a 15-year tenure, its roots go much deeper. Before we go into that, however, let's discuss its premise. Sociobiology is the study of social behaviour as a result of genetic traits. Sociobiologists theorize that our society and personality traits are biologically determined outcomes. So, my father may have had a writing allele, while my mother's anti-Semitic allele was passed to me, which would explain the ethnic humour.

Now, going into this article, I was willing to give sociobiology the due. I mean, it doesn't sound wholly impossible. However, the more I read into it, the more I realized that this science sounded awfully familiar. That's because Sociobiology's original name was something much more nefarious—biological determinism.

Biological determinism, also known as social darwinism, is disgusting itself as a modern science, though it's long since been discredited. Why?

Social darwinism was popular in Europe shortly after its inception, since it provided a simple explanation for social and economic disparity. The blacks from Africa were biologically destined to be slaves—it was their birthright. This principle still applies in modern times. Sociobiologists feel that it's perfectly reasonable to think that maybe the reason there are so many poor black people “looting” in New Orleans is because that's just the way they are genetically—because all that melanin in their system really fucks them up.

This brings me to one of the most famous Sociobiologists in the world today, J. Philippe Rushton, a professor of Evolutionary Psychology and Altruism at the University of Western Ontario. Putting my interest in getting a PhD in altruism aside—since that seems a little ridiculous—I pick on Rushton because in 1999, he wrote a book called *Race, Evolution, and Behaviour: A Life History Perspective*, which became one of Sociobiology's leading texts. In it, Rushton attempts to use the scientific method in order to solve the question, “What are the differences between Black, White, and Asian people?” I'll first briefly discuss what this text covers, and then attempt to critique it.

Now, usually this kind of tripe wouldn't bother me. However, recently I was shown a poster put up by Christianity.com, citing Rushton's “work” as the greatest proof to date of the inferiority of “niggers.”

Rushton conducts his study by grouping people into two classes: R-type and K-type. R-type people have high birth rates and infant death rates, low intelligence, and low levels of altruism. Rushton cites African people for this group. K-type people have low birth and death rates, high intelligence, and high levels of altruism. He cites Asian people for this group. Rushton then proceeds to evaluate these races using six large categories—brain size, intelligence, reproduction, personality, maturation and social organization—and numerous subcategories.

Now, firstly, the question that he is answering is flawed, because it automatically assumes that there are differences between them—instead of asking, “Are there differences?” he's asking, “What are the differences?” Secondly, Rushton's grouping system is highly over-simplified, not to mention the fact that he completely skips over the obvious sociological reasons for his “findings.”

For example, Africans currently have high death rates and high birth rates partly because of the prevalence of AIDS and other diseases. So, what, was their contraction of AIDS because of genetic factors? Not to mention the fact that altruism and intelligence aren't things

you can exactly measure. As far as K-Type people go, one reason they have a low birth rate is because of things like the one-baby rule in China.

Thirdly, Rushton's comparison chart for his six categories is almost completely comprised of weak or meaningless material. For one thing, he never cites exactly how many people he studied for each race. In fact, throughout his entire text, all of his “findings” are based on statistical data conducted by other groups. He never actually does an ounce of research.

He first “measures” cranial capacity and the number of neurons in the brains of the three races. He then compares the intelligences of the races using IQ test scores—a test which provides a narrow and biased measure of intelligence. He also measures “cultural achievements”—again without defining what he means by that phrase.

In all four of those cases, Africans are the lowest of the three races, Asians the highest, and Whites “intermediate.” This continues throughout the chart. In reproduction, blacks have the most children and highest rate of STDs—without mentioning AIDS specifically, of course—Asians have the lowest, and Whites are, again, in the middle. In personality, blacks are the most aggressive, least cautious, and most impulsive, whereas Asians and whites are the most cautious and sociable. As far as Rushton's study is concerned, Asian people are good, but too good; Black people have far too many bad habits; White people sit comfortably in the middle, taking the best of both sides.

Now, usually this kind of tripe wouldn't bother me. I tend to just ignore these things. However, recently I was shown a poster put up by Christianity.com, citing Rushton's “work” as the greatest proof to date of the inferiority of “niggers.” It used Rushton's measure of cranial capacity and IQ test scores to show that all black people are inferior, and even went so far as to compare their skulls with those of gorillas. The gorillas’ were bigger.

I was stunned, not to mention fuming. I couldn't believe that something like this was given a grant, funded by a university, and published for all to read. I was embarrassed, as you all should be, as well. Which is why I implore all of you to write, call, or do whatever else it may take to get this man fired—as David Suzuki has already done. We must fight to keep men like Philippe Rushton from ever having the ability to falsely justify a system designed to separate us from each other, to keep us from just being human. Then again, maybe he's not to blame. It could be just his genes.

Quick as a flash

17-year-old sprinting sensation Carline Muir shocked the Canadian track and field community when she chose the U of A over a substantial scholarship offer from Texas A&M. But this is only her first step toward international stardom.

She may be one of the most talked-about sprinters in Canada, but U of A student Carline Muir has a deceptively simple philosophy when it comes to running, and to life.

"My goals are to do well and run fast!"

So far, she's been meeting those goals with flying colours. At only 17, she holds the Canadian Interscholastic record in the 400m event, and was a silver medalist at this year's Pan Am Games.

Lately, though, a lot of the talk surrounding her has had to do with her decision to come to the U of A. Like most of Canada's most promising athletes, Muir was heavily recruited by American universities that offered her big scholarships and incentives. She had decided to attend Texas A&M, where she was promised a full ride, but she changed her mind at the last minute.

"My letter of intent was signed," says Muir. "I only made up my mind not to go to Texas a few weeks before I came here."

She was lured away from Texas on the strength of the U of A's coaches, facilities and academic reputation, and the chance to train with IAAF World Championship bronze medalist (and U of A student) Tyler Christopher.

Muir met Christopher this past April at the Penn relays, a major invitational meet in Philadelphia, when she was competing with the national team. He told her about the U of A, and about Kevin Tyler, his coach. Tyler is the director of the campus-based Canadian Athletics Coaching Centre (CACC), which is located here.

"Tyler [Christopher] is such an amazing athlete, and he told me that I should consider the U of A," explains Muir. "He said that Kevin, the facility and the program are wonderful, and that they wanted me as part of the team."

"I started talking to Carline after [Christopher] introduced me to her, and I watched her in April and June," Tyler says. "She wanted to talk about potentially working with me, and I started pursuing her."

"She wanted to stay in Canada," he adds. "She's very mature, and wants to be involved in this sport for the long run. US programs can put lots of money into athletes for the short-term; they run them so hard

during the winter, that when they come home, they can't perform in the summer, because they're burned out."

Nonetheless, the U of A knew that they would have to make Muir a strong offer if they wanted her to say no to Texas. Tyler estimated that the package from Texas was worth about \$200,000. He and Georgette Reed, the U of A's track head coach, put their heads together to develop a bid that could compete.

"We talked to her people in Toronto to make sure that we could get her here," Reed says. "Our main thought was, 'We need to get her into school.' We want to make sure that she leaves here in four years with a degree."

"I love doing relays. It doesn't matter how much I hurt," she beams. "Say the word, and I'm there with my shoes on."

The U of A's offer includes money from the University and government programs. It covers Muir's tuition and residence, and focuses on the academic and coaching strengths of the University and the CACC. The scholastic element attracted Muir as strongly as the opportunity to work with Tyler and Christopher did.

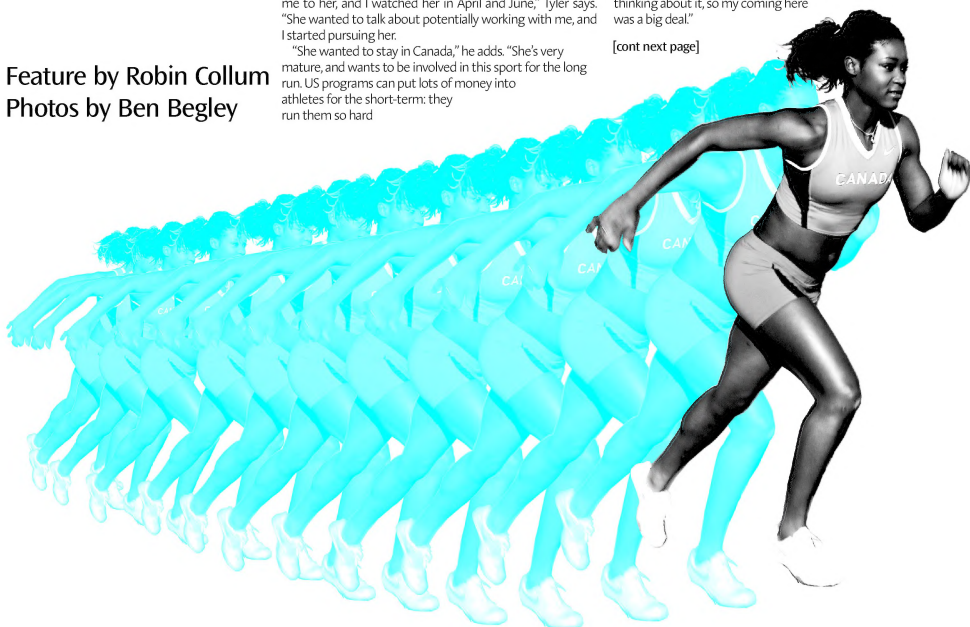
"Track and academics are equally important to me," says Muir. "I said I'd think about [their offer]."

She accepted in late August, enrolling in Open Studies with the hope of transferring into Phys Ed or Business next year. Her decision surprised a lot of people in Canada's athletics community, and was seen as significant not only for the U of A, but for Canadian universities in general.

"Especially in Ontario, they expect that you're going to the States if you're good," Muir explains. "There's just no thinking about it, so my coming here was a big deal."

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Feature by Robin Collum
Photos by Ben Begley



Tyler thinks that Muir's staying in Canada will send a message to other Canadian athletes and coaches, letting them know that it's possible to develop high-performance athletes in this country.

"High-performance sport has a problem [of people leaving], so it's good to show them that it can be done here," he said. "I really see this as an opportunity for the University and for high-performance sport in Canada."

"It was a hard decision, but I don't regret it," Muir says. "I'm really happy. It will be a lot of fun being part of a team that wants to do well."

Meeting her, it's hard to imagine her not being happy with anything. Muir speaks enthusiastically about everything, from her friends, to what classes she's taking, to Edmonton's weather. Nothing, though, lights up her face more than talking about running. Relays, the 4x400 event in particular, are her favourite.

"I love doing relays. It doesn't matter how much I hurt," she beams. "Say the word, and I'm there with my shoes on."

Muir will likely be running sprints and relays for the University this year, and big things are expected of her and her team.

"Last year, the 4x400 team was fourth at CIS, and they know that this year, they could be number one," Tyler says. "The women are training and want to make that team."

Individually, as well, Muir and her coaches have some big goals for this year.

"She could be the youngest member of the Commonwealth Games team this March," says Tyler. "There's a good possibility that she'll be named to that team, and she's

got a good chance for the World Juniors in August in Beijing.

"She really wants to win that."

Those are just her short-term goals, though. Those who know her can see even bigger accomplishments in her future.

"She's a future Olympian," Reed says, without hesitation. "Possibly a future Olympic champion."

"She'll make the Olympics, no problem,"

Tyler agrees. "She is potentially the best 400m runner Canada's ever had, and it won't be that long until she's winning everything."

"She has the potential," he says. "She just needs to do the work."

Having an athlete of this calibre come to the U of A has obviously raised a lot of interest in the program, the Bears' and Pandas' seasons, and in track and field itself.

"Since she's arrived, it's absolutely raised the U of A's profile," Tyler says. "There's an impact on the level of awareness of the sport, and the level of women in the sport."

"It's gotten our women's team excited," says Reed. "They feel good about themselves, that such a quality athlete wanted to come here. It means a lot to our coaches, too."

"We're proud to have her wearing the green and gold," she adds.

So while many people in Canada's sporting community may have been taken aback by Muir's decision to come to Alberta, her coaches see it as a natural fit, and she's pleased with her choice.

"The U of A team has a history of having really talented athletes on it," says Tyler. "This is a continuation of that."



"She'll make the Olympics, no problem," Tyler agrees. "She is potentially the best 400m runner Canada's ever had, and it won't be that long until she's winning everything."

SOCIAL
INTERCOURSE**The Pavilion**

Written by Craig Wright
Varscona Theatre
13–30 October at 8pm

If you're looking for a sophisticated form of entertainment this weekend, going to see Varscona Theatre's season opener *The Pavilion* after an elegant meal would make for quite a classy night on the town.

Written by Craig Wright, the head writer for HBO's hit series *Six Feet Under*, the play follows two former high-school sweethearts who encounter one another at their 20-year class reunion. Apparently, a decision made by the former lovebirds resurfaces at the meeting, creating an engaging exploration of how human relationships are never truly lost over long stretches of time. Complete with a 1999 Pulitzer Prize nomination on its resumé and a narrator who plays 19 characters, *The Pavilion* is sure to be an intriguing performance.

**Controller/Controller**

with Magenta Lane and Sylvie Saturday, 22 October at 8pm
Victory Lounge

Want to rewrite your history? Well, unfortunately, despite the name of the Controller/Controller's hit single, you can't. But you can control your history plans by heading over to the Victory Lounge this Saturday.

With the likes of Metric and Stars, Controller/Controller adopts a post-modern band structure consisting of a single female vocalist, and an all-male accompaniment. But even though this gender ratio is becoming increasingly common in modern rock groups, Controller/Controller manages to embody a unique sound aptly christened "death disco."

And let's not forget how Controller/Controller recently eclipsed their *History* EP earlier this month. With the release of their first full-length album, *X-Amounts*, the Toronto-based guys and gals are ready to show us just how they've taken control of their musical futures. So, if you can spare an x-amount of time and an x-amount of money this weekend, pop by the Victory Lounge and check them out.

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AMANDA ASH
Arts & Entertainment Groupie

Anthrax still infectious after 20 years

Anthrax

with Judas Priest
Thursday, 20 October at 7:30pm
Rexall Place

MICHAEL LAROCQUE
Entertainment Editor

Reunion tours are often viewed in the same light as aging high-school football stars: they're greeted by loved ones with sympathetic eyes, fond memories of past glory and even the occasional, "Hey, man, you're doing alright!"

But for heavy metal veterans Anthrax, a tour featuring all the original band members for the first time in years is anything but pathetic. The foursome sits alongside Megadeth, Slayer and Metallica as the "big four" of metal—groups said to have kick-started the heavy metal genre—and are considered pioneers in the thrash metal movement. Backstage in Winnipeg, Anthrax drummer and guitarist Charlie Benante talked over the phone about heavy metal, his time with the band and the various reasons that the classic lineup has reassembled.

"Well, it was our 20-year anniversary, and we wanted to do something a little better than you know, making a commemorative plate or something," jokes Benante, strumming chords on his guitar continually throughout the interview. "This tour is something that we think will be a better way to mark the anniversary than having some plate hanging up on a wall or something."

In some ways, however, it's surprising that a band like Anthrax has made it to the 20-year mark at all. With the heyday of heavy metal arguably in the past, many bands would have fizzled and died long ago. Anthrax, however, has managed to stay relatively fresh while remaining true to the roots of their genre. Despite mediocre reviews of the last two albums released by the band in the '90s, 2003's *We've Come for You All* has been labelled by many critics as something of a comeback album from a band that has never really left



the heavy metal scene. As for the genre itself, the band has played through the changes, and Benante likes what he sees.

"I think currently [metal] is doing pretty good," says Benante. "But the problem is that there isn't really an outlet for this type of music anymore. There's this *Headbangers Ball* program on MTV2, but who even knows when that's on now—I can't find it anymore. [Metal] has gone more underground, I think, which in a way prevents it from becoming diluted."

"Everything seems to be going into this pop-punk and emo scene, with everyone trying to be really flashy, with everybody looking the same."

Yet for all the talk of anniversaries and comebacks, there was something of a deeper push that made Benante seriously look at getting the original members back together. While once again playing shows alongside the bandmates he became

famous with has always been an idea in Benante's mind, his relationship with the late Pantera guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott was what ultimately drove him to pursue the reunion.

"To be honest with you, a lot of writers ask [about that], but they always get it wrong," explains Benante. "I got to take you back to about November last year. I saw Dime about two weeks prior to his death—we talked about so much different shit that night and I told him about the possibility of doing a reunion. He said that he thought it was a great idea and went on and on about it, and really made me feel food about the idea. I took [what he said] in mind and it really took me along, and when he was shot, different emotions came out, but it really made me think about everybody else. Will everybody be here or be able to do this tour in five or ten years? That's what pushed me to do this."

Quite possibly the worst soundtrack ever

Silent film star Harold Lloyd's classic comedies featured in Metro Cinema four-piece retrospective

Harold Lloyd Retrospective

featuring *Girl Shy*, *Safety Last*, *Speedy* and *The Kid Brother*
21–24 October at 7pm
Metro Cinema

MICHAEL LAROCQUE
Entertainment Editor

Nowadays, it's almost impossible to read about a movie without hearing some talk about the accompanying soundtrack, with both how well the car chases are timed to Motley Crüe and how smoothly the lips sync with the words in a kung-fu movie dependant on how well it's put together. Few modern day filmmakers appreciate, however, that for a long period of time during the early days of cinema, this element of film wasn't available.

Even though Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton are familiar faces even to those not versed in cinematic history, most silent movies—and their stars—are largely unknown, despite the fact that silent films were what essentially started the movie business, reigning supreme throughout the 1910s and '20s. Harold Lloyd was one silent film actor whose films have remained revered to this day, and Metro Cinema is showing four of his classics starting this Friday. The versions of Lloyd's films showing at the Metro won't be entirely silent, however; when Sony Pictures got permission from Lloyd's estate to make 33mm prints of selected films, they added in a musical accompaniment, a feature that would have previously been improvised by a piano player in the theatre.

Lloyd is credited with making over 200 films in his career, and while not all of them were silent, it's indeed the silent-era films that won him most of his acclaim. Known for his "glasses"



character—a determined everyman out to take the world by storm—Lloyd's films were known for their exciting scenes with chases and stunts, most of which were performed by Lloyd himself.

1923's *Safety Last* is one such film; it features Lloyd hanging from the edge of a building and eventually from a slowly breaking clock at the top of the tower. The stunts were stunning, and although modern technology can now reproduce such an act with ease, filmmakers in the 1920s relied on clever innovation and skillful camera work to produce the effect. The wall which Lloyd is shown scaling was actually built on top of a real skyscraper, with the scenes shot in such a way that he appeared dangling far above the city streets.

Along with *Safety Last*, the Metro will be running three favourite Lloyd films. *Girl Shy* has Lloyd playing Harold Meadows—a bumbling bachelor writing a self-help book for other fools in love—

who must prevent the wedding of the woman he adores. *Speedy*—where cab driver Lloyd gets to take a guest-starring Babe Ruth to a Yankees game—bust him scheming against a railroad company that is trying to run his girlfriend's father's horse-drawn carriage service out of business. Finally, Monday's film, *The Kid Brother*, has Lloyd as the youngest brother in the Hickory family, the most prominent family in Hickoryville. Often considered his funniest film, Lloyd must use his wits to prove his father innocent of a bank robbery and to win the love of the beautiful Mary.

The plots might sound simple, and even a little stereotypical of what many of us think of when it comes to silent films (I mean, an evil railroad company?), but all of these movies were massively popular and profitable, and are still well-respected films that remain remembered treats by film historians and movie buffs alike.

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While most people try to avoid playing God—and indeed frown upon those who do—if premier game designer Peter Molyneux had his way, playing God would be something that every opposable-thumbed computer owner would look forward to.

In 2001, Molyneux created an innovative game that allowed players to be God. You controlled the world of Eden using (almost literally) your right hand, manipulating this world and its people however you pleased. The game was *Black & White*, and you were free to be any kind of god you wished—a vengeful, Old Testament-style god, or a peaceful, New Testament kind. While its openness and charm drew in those not usually of the gaming persuasion, the game's confusing directions and complete lack of interface left it feeling unpolished. Now, four years later, Molyneux's has returned with *Black & White 2*, the long-awaited sequel that fixes many of the issues of the first installment, though still manages to be plagued with its own batch of problems.

In *Black & White 2*, you control the recently attacked Greeks, forcing you

to help them flee and rebuild. With the aid of your equally powerful pet, you must help your people regain their glory and defeat their Aztec enemies. Where in the previous game your "rankling" as a supreme being was based entirely on the way you treated your people, the sequel determines how good/evil you are by the way you conquer the world. If you wish to be a first-rate god, you can build massive cities with impressive monuments, persuading other cities to join your empire. If you feel more like a bad-boy deity, you can simply amass an army and conquer foreign cities by force. Your pet, who assists you throughout the game, can be trained to be a ruthless warrior, or a kind gatherer and builder. The best improvement by far, though, is the addition of a real-time strategy (RTS) style interface, allowing you to easily select which kinds of buildings or miracles you wish to create easily, instead of employing a variety of keys.

Graphically, the game is sound, if not above average. Each new landscape is lush, with vegetation and mountainous areas, with the full range of weather effects, and, of course, this wouldn't be a Molyneux game without an abundant amount of light bloom giving everything a nice, retina-burning glow. The ambient sound in the game is clear and precise, though the music can be a bit bland. The soundtrack only becomes dynamic during combat, and otherwise doesn't add much experience.

The problem with *Black & White 2* is that, for all these wonderful additions, their implementation tends to take away from the whole experience. For example, while it's nice to finally be able to actually understand your pet (by means of thought bubbles, a feature absent in the original), his overall value is limited; he's only any use as a soldier, at which point he becomes overly effective, and can destroy whole armies by himself. Also, the interface, while a nice addition, can easily become frustrating due to the lack of hot keys. You can only use your mouse to navigate it—and while I understand the whole "the hand of god" motif, it becomes a bit chunky when you're forced to control six or seven cities with one freaking hand.

My biggest grievance with the game, however, is that your ranking is solely determined by whether or not you go to war—an annoying feature, since no matter how big a city you build, your enemies will always attack you, meaning you always have to have an army at the ready, effectively ensuring that your going to be at war at some point or another. The game gives you no real reason to be good, and with that, the charm of the first game is almost completely lost.

That said, *Black & White 2* is still a fun, slow-paced game that improves on the original by leaps and bounds. While some of the magic of the first game seems lost due to these changes, you will still get hours of entertainment from this godly adventure.

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The fine line between stupid and clever

From the Shitty Beatles to the Soggy Bottom Boys, fake bands rock just as hard



MICHAEL
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In nearly every form of recognition bestowed upon bands by the music industry—be it in awards, gold records or placement on hallowed lists recounting top bands of all time—the selection is almost invariably limited to a very narrow group: bands that have actually, how should I say, “existed.” Sure, hard work, determination and developing one’s talent is peachy keen, but what about bands who have done none of these things? Where is their glory?

From groups that are almost too fake, like CB4, to fake bands like the Blues Brothers that are almost too real, fictional music groups can sometimes be just as well known as their legitimate counterparts. Here is a list of what are quite arguably the best fake bands ever.

The Zit Remedy

A one-hit wonder and Canadian phenomenon, the Zit Remedy surprisingly never seemed to be able to create much of a buzz outside of the halls of Degross Junior High. While this could partially be due to the fact that they apparently only ever recorded a single track—“Everybody Wants Something”—the trio of Joey Jeremiah, Archie “Snake” Simpson and Derek “Wheels” Wheeler still managed to put out an album, *The Zit Remedy: LIVE!*

The Be Sharps

Consisting of Homer Simpson, Clancy Wiggum, Seymour Skinner and Apu Nahasapeetmon, the band first found success after replacing Wiggum with local barfly Barney Gumble and changing Apu’s surname to “D’Beaumarchais.” Despite finding success with their two albums, *Meet The Be Sharps* and *Bigger Than Jesus*, and being nominated for a Grammy, the turmoil and infighting that so often haunt barbershop quartets overcame the group, causing them to permanently disband—save for a rooftop



THE WORLD’S LOUDEST BAND Spinal Tap is easily the best of all fake bands.

performance on Moe’s Tavern.

Josie and the Pussycats

Easily the most enduring of animated musical groups, Josie and the Pussycats have managed to keep their career thriving from their inception in the 1970s through to their feature film in 2001. Fronted by Josie McCoy, with Melody Valentine on drums and Valerie Brown on bass, the group managed to cut a solitary, self-titled record in the ‘70s. Poor administration by their buffoonish manager Alexander Cabot, along with rivalry between McCoy and Valentine for the heart of folk singer Alan M., likely prevented the band from reaching the same star status as fellow animated wonders the Archies.

The Rutles

Affectionately labeled by the press as the “pre-fab four,” the Rutles were the creative geniuses behind such classic albums as *Revolver*, *Shabby Road* and *Yellow Submarine Sandwich*. Their breakthrough album, however, is undeniably Sgt. Rutter’s *Only Darts Club Band*, to which they admit writing while under the influence of tea (a drink they claim introduced to them by Bob Dylan). Responsible for such numbers as “Can’t Buy Me Lunch,” and “I Am The Walrus,” the Rutles are the only band who can boast holding 19 of

the top 20 spots on the UK charts.

Spinal Tap

First operating as The New Originals and later as the Thelwellmen, Spinal Tap is likely best known through the 1984 documentary *This is Spinal Tap*, which followed the band as they toured the US on their then-latest album, *Smell The Glove*. With the core of the band being David St. Hubbins, Nigel Tufnel and Derek Smalls, the band remains notorious for their rotating cast of drummers—of which they have had 32—who have ended their tenure with the band under such circumstances as choking on vomit (although authorities couldn’t prove whose vomit it was) and spontaneously exploding on stage. While *Smell The Glove* never achieved the same success as previous Tap essentials *Intravenous De Milo* and *Shark Sandwich*, their single “Sex Farm” would find them new popularity and years of touring in Japan, sealing their place in rock history as “the world’s loudest band.”

For the hype surrounding “real” bands, hopefully this list proves that the musical greatness in not limited, in fact, to reality. After exploring these groups and others that dominate the world of fictitious music, you might just find that your favourite band doesn’t even exist.



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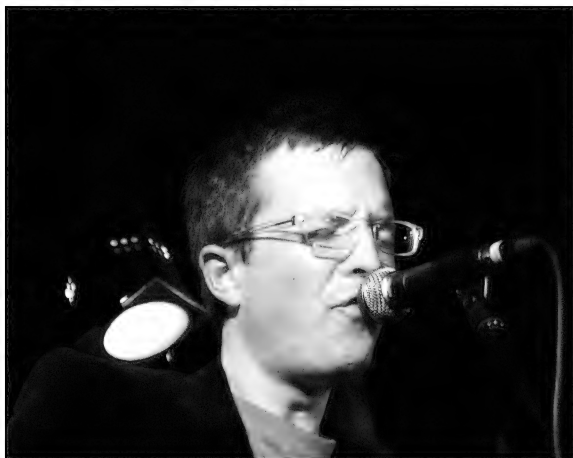
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KRISTINA DE GUZMAN
Arts & Entertainment Writer

It seems that producer Daniel Victor's goal with *Neverending White Lights* is to create different albums with different artists and go beyond

what those artists are usually known for. Well, Victor is off to a pretty good start with Act 1 of the series, *Goodbye Friends of the Heavenly Bodies*, which comes off nicely as a diverse, melancholic album.

The opener (performed by Victor himself), "From What I Once Was," is filled with haunting piano sounds, while Chris Gray's "Ending of a Story" is as dramatic as the title suggests. For Finger Eleven fans, Scott Anderson makes an appearance with "I Hope Your Heart Runs Empty," a solemn tune in which he sings so quietly that one has to turn the volume up just to be able to hear him. Dallas Green of alexisonfire sets the screaming aside for the lyrical tune of "The Grace," while Our Lady Peace's Raine Maida lends out his falsettos on "Liar."

It's unfortunate that *Neverending White Lights* isn't a band of its own. Each song and artist is unique, but put them together and you get an album that feels and sounds like a complete and unified package.



Nickelback

All the Right Reasons
Roadrunner Records
www.nickelback.com

AMANDA ASH
Arts & Entertainment Staff

An unspoken rule prevails amongst University students, forbidding any sort of display of partiality towards the Alberta-based band Nickelback. And, should we publicly admit to liking Chad Kroeger's manly vocals or secretly stashing a collection of old-school Nickelback albums at home, we are immediately placed

upon the rack of musical incompetence and tortured for the rest of our post-secondary lives.

Although Nickelback does deserve a kick in the pants for the horrible music they've released in the past, their latest album, *All the Right Reasons*, is admittedly better than the repetitive and nauseating music we're used to hearing from them.

The recording, the band's fifth full-length release, undoubtedly embraces the infamous Nickelback sound reminiscent of dusty fields and seedy country bars. Songs like "Follow You Home" and "Animals" exhibit the usual overpowering guitar riffs and harsh grunting lyrics, while "Next Constant" and "Rockstar" lack catchiness and originality. On the other hand, songs like "Photograph" haven't been overplayed enough yet to be unbearable, and "Far Away" bears soft underlying melodies that don't give the listener with an immediate headache.

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Volleyball Bears to take TRU's CIS virginity

ANDREW RINFREE
Sports Staff

Describing this weekend's volleyball match between the Golden Bears and Canada West's newest team, the Thompson Rivers University Wolfpack, as David versus Goliath would probably be an understatement. Alberta will be heavily favoured as they come off of a successful Can-Am tournament last weekend with no losses, beating the top NCAA volleyball squads from the United States. Despite being pegged to win, Bears head coach Terry Danyluk is certain his squad won't become complacent this weekend.

"I consider us to be a veteran team, and they should be mature enough to know that they can't take a day off against anybody," Danyluk said.

The Wolfpack are only cubs in the Canada West Division, having just entered CIS after playing in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association up until this season. TRU fared well in the CCAA last season, winning the 2004/05 CCAA national bronze medal. However, they will be assuming the role of underdog as they take on an Alberta squad eager to defend their national championship title from last season. Alberta has the advantage, but Danyluk says that the Wolfpack should not be taken lightly.

"They're a team that has nothing to lose; it's their first year in the conference, and those teams are always kind of dangerous," Danyluk said. "They can just come to play, and the expectations aren't high on them from the rest of the conference. When you're in that situation it's a good thing, because you can just play hard."

Recruiting competitive athletes is a challenge for a new team, but Danyluk says that TRU, hailing from Kamloops, BC, has a good location and outstanding facilities, which are big pluses that are necessary to draw top recruits. One such high-calibre athlete that TRU has been able to recruit is Behlül Yavagal, a Turkish national team player who recently joined the team.

"The downside [of recruitment] is that you need to establish yourselves to draw players, but



BREAKING THROUGH Derek Proudfoot (number 13) and the Bears will finally see their regular season get underway this weekend in the Main Gym. FILE PHOTO: WBYAN/LIU

you need to draw players to establish yourselves," Danyluk said. "Finding that right mix of things like school, facilities, head coach and trying to get a couple of players to commit to build the program around is difficult."

Despite being a young team with a rookie-laden line up, TRU will have plenty of experience behind the bench in head coach Patrick Hennelly. He was hired over the summer and has had little time to prepare his team for the upcoming season, but brings a wealth of experience as a player and a coach to court-side. Danyluk

says Hennelly is certainly qualified to coach this new team.

"Hennelly was a long-time assistant coach at UBC with both the men's and women's programs," said Danyluk. "He's coached in the US as an assistant coach [at Northern Arizona University] last year and is a former volleyball player."

For the Bears, it will be important to win their home opener this weekend and start the season off on a good note, especially as the other teams in the league look to knock Alberta from their

perch atop the CIS standings.

"When you're sitting on top, you can only go one direction—everybody else is trying to get at you, so I think that teams will always be gunning for us," said Danyluk. "I'm sure we'll be one of the top-ranked teams coming out of the blocks, but whenever you're one of the top teams, you're always in a position that [your opponents] will have nothing to lose."

Opening serve on the Bears' season will go tomorrow night at 8:15pm, and Saturday night at 6:30pm in the Main Gym.

Puck Bears welcome Dinos for first half of home-and-home series



PATRICK ROSS
Sports Staff

In the world of sports, obscene unbeaten streaks can be funny things. While they tend to inspire an almost smug sort of confidence in fans, the teams actually putting these streaks together tend to take them with a grain of salt.

Such is Bears' hockey head coach Eric Thurston's attitude toward the astounding 46-game unbeaten streak his Golden Bears put together against the University of Calgary Dinos, which ended last season. The breakthrough Calgary win came exactly six years to the day from the last time the Dinos had beaten the Bears.

"It's just something that was bound to happen, because they have a quality program," Thurston said. "The odds are you just aren't going to beat every team, every game. Especially [with] the type of program they have there."

On the brink of a weekend home-and-home series against the Dinos (Friday at Clare Drake, Saturday in Calgary), and with a three-game winning streak against U of C still alive, the Bears are eager for more success against their rivals to the south. And, while obviously satisfied with their previous unbeaten streak, Thurston is wary of letting it go to his head.

"We didn't play very well in some of the games, and to be honest, there were some games we shouldn't have won," he noted. "We didn't play that well, we got the lucky break here and there and we were able to come away with a win or tie to keep it going."

Last season, despite the streak-snapping loss, the Bears dominated the Dinos, posting a regular season record of 4-1-1 against them. When including the pre-season and playoffs, the Bears

were 7-1-1 against the Dinos, including a playoff sweep. While it takes a team to win so much as one hockey game—much less seven—the Bears were led offensively against the Dinos by the combination of Ben Kilgour and Brad Tutschek, who combined for an astonishing 30 points against the Dinos last year. Tutschek finished the season series against the Dinos with five goals and nine assists, while Kilgour racked up seven goals and nine assists.

"Kilgour and Tutschek are a force," gushed Thurston. "They feed off of each other so well, and the chemistry that those two have is tremendous. They're a great line to have out there."

Tutschek attributes his superb performance against U of C to the intensity of the rivalry. "We've always had big games against Calgary," he said. "You're always upbeat and you're always getting ready for the game. You don't really need much motivation because it's Calgary. I think just playing them is motivation enough."

With his players plenty motivated, Thurston has his eye on the Dinos, noting that they're an improving team.

"They have two very solid scoring lines, and they also have a balanced third and fourth line that can check, and also have offensive capabilities," he noted.

If anything, though, the CIS Battle of Alberta is one built on mutual respect.

"Our players have a healthy respect for them, and I think that's why we've been able to be motivated and we get up for those games, because it means a lot to them," Thurston said. "I think because we respect their program we want to come out and show them that we're a good program too."

DINNER ON ICE Ben Kilgour (bottom) and the Bears want to feed some pucks to Calgary on Friday. FILE PHOTO: TARA STEIGLITZ

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REMEMBERING FRIENDS The X-Country team will be thinking back on former teammates Brian and Jerry Stewart.

X-Country honours Stewarts with race

PAUL OWEN
Sports Staff

Two years ago, tragedy struck the Golden Bears cross-country team, and a new format for their lone home race of the season was created in the aftermath.

"Brian and Jerry [Stewart], both med students at the time, passed away in a climbing accident two summers ago," explained Mike Metcalfe, a third-year member of the cross-country team. "We've always had the Golden Bear Open at the end of October, and now we've renamed it the Stewart Cup in their honour."

The former GBO has been expanded beyond just a simple CIS race to also incorporate a five and ten km run, and a 4x2.5km relay, all of which will be open to the public, with a free Boston Pizza tab up for grabs for the student group of four that donates the most money to the cause. Many Bears and Pandas alumni will be returning to participate in the open runs, as well as students from 14 elementary and junior high schools from the Edmonton area. The team hopes to raise \$10 000 for the Canadian Diabetes Association.

"The idea is to get awareness of athletics and the team out there, and we're getting people out for exercise. We're raising funds in [the Stewarts' name] for the Canadian Diabetes Association ... because it's so hard in hand with what our team believes in: a healthy, active lifestyle," said Metcalfe.

The run is a fitting tribute to the Stewarts, as the Bears are still impacted

by memories of their friends.

"Jerry and Brian were amazing in their spirit, their passion and their determination. They may not have been the best athletes on the team, but their spirit and work ethic were far more important to the leadership they gave us," said head coach George Metcalfe.

To Metcalfe, the Stewarts' influence runs even deeper, providing him with inspiration and a pair of role models for his own life.

"We have four or five guys who will be in that top-25 at CIS, and if that happens, we'll come home with gold ... maybe silver."

GEORGETTE REED
X-COUNTRY
HEAD COACH

"I have never seen anyone work as hard as Brian and Jerry; the stories about their work ethic towards sport, school and to their family make them the ideal Golden Bears," he said. "To this day, even the rookies, whenever they hear 'Brian and Jerry Stewart,' they think 'hard work and dedication.' They motivated us, and now we'd like to motivate everyone else."

To coach, the race has some major implications on the cross-country season as well, as all of Canada West

is coming, with the exception of the University of Victoria. Reed says that this race will also determine the team for nationals. That team will face the daunting task of attempting to improve on three consecutive national bronze medals for the Bears, a daunting task considering that the face of the team has undergone a number of changes.

"Our team is based around the community; we have a really good team atmosphere. Every year has been a complete change-over in people—we lost two of our top four runners from last year—and I think we're still coming out even stronger," said Metcalfe. "If we all have an unbelievable day, gold isn't out of our reach, and everyone is excited when they think about that. It's good, because it's getting everyone to work a little bit harder, and everyone's doing a little extra in practice."

The team's depth has Reed excited, as she now feels they have a legitimate shot at the elusive gold medal they've been chasing for years.

"We've got a group of guys who pull each other along, and have all of our four, five, six, seven guys really pumped up to improve this year," she said. "We've got a strong team, and a lot of people who could do anything at anytime; it's better than having two top people and hoping the rest will fill in. We have four or five guys who will be in that top-25 at CIS, and if that happens, we'll come home with gold ... maybe silver."

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ENOUGH PRACTICE The Pandas volleyball team can't wait for the first match of their season. TELEPHOTO: NEAL WILDING

New-look Pandas volleyball ready to go

Five new recruits, plus mix of experience, makes for tough team

VERONICA DOLEMAN
Sports Writer

After a dominant preseason, the Pandas volleyball team is ready to finally start to play the games that matter.

Winning eleven out of their 14 preseason matches, the Pandas have coasted through their exhibition games. When asked about their early success, head coach Laurie Eisler gave credit to her players' commitment to the game. "We've had a number of our players play on various teams during the summer. They've been in touch with the ball a lot and been able to develop their game. [We've got] a strong core of players."

The Pandas will kick off the regular season against the newest member of Canada West, the Thompson Rivers University Wolfpack. Although this is a team they haven't faced before, they won't be taking any special precautions against them. "We'll prepare for them like any of our other opponents. We've never played a team with an orange uniform though," Eisler laughed.

Eisler has had a few more years coaching experience than the Wolfpack's head coach, Carrie Barrett, but she doesn't think it will have an effect on the outcome of the contest. Barrett was Eisler's assistant coach for a few years before she left to pursue her own coaching career. Eisler acknowledges Barrett's hard work, and she said she doesn't feel her own experience will give the Pandas any advantage. "I think that once it comes to game day, it's the players that make the difference," Eisler commented.

While Eisler admits the team has a different look this year, she's confident they'll be able to compete. In addition to five new recruits, fifth-year players Kristin Yanick and Tawana Wardlaw are the new captains, taking the place of the departed Pamela Parker, who used up her five years of eligibility. Eisler said both her

captains are born leaders who have a lot to contribute both on and off the court.

"They bring a nice blend of maturity and energy to the team and also a really competitive nature to our training environment," Eisler said. "They've all brought something a little different to the team."

Van Eck emphasized the importance of keeping the game positive and leading by example. She said she felt that although the team is a bit younger than in past years, there is a lot of experience spread out among the players.

"Right now, I think our biggest strength is our physical ability. We train hard on and off the court," Van Eck said. "One of our goals this year is to become the strongest, most mentally fit team in the league."

Both Van Eck and Eisler have the national championship in their hopes. They don't doubt their team's abilities, but they know they have a lot of work to do if they are going to do better than their fourth-place finish at last year's nationals.

"We're here to compete, we're always going for that trophy at the end of the year," Van Eck said. "Our goal is always to win, but it's too early to say what's attainable and what's not," Eisler added. "To [get to nationals], we have to make it through the most competitive opposition in the country."

Before they can think about nationals, though, the Wolfpack and the rest of the season awaits the Pandas. Van Eck is very enthusiastic about playing the first match of the season in the Pandas' home court.

"It's a psychological advantage. It's just a great atmosphere in this gym, because it feels like the crowd is right there with you on the court. It's an awesome feeling."

The games against the Wolfpack are Friday at 6:30 pm and Saturday at 8:15 pm, with both matches being held in the Main Gym.

end when they host Trinity Western and UBC on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Both games will go on at noon at Foote Field.

Len Vickery's Golden Bear soccer squad's playoff hopes took a hit last weekend when they dropped a 2-1 decision to Lethbridge. The Bears will look to improve their 4-4-1 record when they host Trinity Western and UBC Saturday and Sunday at 2:15 pm at Foote Field.

Basketball

The Bears basketball team finally got a feel for the reigning OS champion Carleton Ravens last weekend, as they travelled out east and dropped an 89-73 decision to the Ravens in Carleton. Fifth-year guard James Hudson led the team with 19 points, but the hot shooting of Carleton's Osvaldo Jeanty (27 points with seven three-pointers) allowed the Ravens to pull away from the Bears late in the game's second half.

The Pandas basketball team went to the University of Manitoba's tournament last weekend and posted a 2-1 record, with their most notable win a 69-61 victory over last year's national runner-up Winnipeg. Second-year post Kristin Jarock gave another stellar preseason performance, going for 18 points and nine rebounds. The Bears and Pandas will both host the Huskies next weekend in the Main Gym.

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Pandas head coach Carla Somerville was named CanWest Coach of the Year this past week in Victoria, at the conclusion of the Pandas' third tournament of the year. It's the second straight year that Somerville has won the award. Somerville has guided the Pandas to an impressive 8-2-3 overall record this year, including victories over UVic, their first win over the team in almost six years, and UBC, who had a winning streak that stretched over two seasons snapped by the Pandas.

Pandas Lisa Fay, Diana "Bunny" Hughes, AJ Johnson and Erin Mason were also named Canada West all-stars.

The Pandas head to UBC this weekend for the Canada West playoffs, where they'll hope to qualify for nationals, which will be played from 3-6 November, also at UBC.

Soccer

The Pandas (5-2-5) came away from their weekend series against Calgary and Lethbridge with a pair of 1-1 ties. Fourth-year Pandas Amy Ciecki notched her conference-leading ninth goal of the season in their game against Calgary. Alberta now sits third in Canada West, just four points out of first place. The Pandas could gain significant ground this week-

Football Bears in need of a rout against SFU Clan

ROSS PRUSAKOWSKI
Sports Staff

While students across campus cram and hope for the easiest exam possible during midterm week, the Golden Bears football team may get a cake-walk of their own this weekend. The winless Simon Fraser University Clan (0-5) are rolling into town and may be just what the doctor ordered for Alberta's anemic offence.

With just two games remaining in the regular season, the Bears (5-1) offence still hasn't lived up to its pre-season billing of being a touchdown manufacturer, instead relying more on a few big plays, rather than sustained drives, to put points—and victories—on the board.

Thanks to some inconsistent play from quarterback Darryl Salmon and a supporting cast who have stumbled up to this point in the season, the Bears find themselves in the middle of the pack in nearly every offensive category. Their passing attack has been lacking, and the nine touchdowns their passing game has made this season is only slightly better than the woeful air game SFU will be showcasing this weekend.

Though that's something that needs to be improved according to Bears running back Jarred Winkle, there is still plenty of time to get everything on track before the playoffs begin.

"We haven't put it together offensively yet this year. There have been a couple of glimpses of it, but not a complete game for us on offence where we didn't leave any points out there on the field," he said. "It's something that we've got to work on and improve, but we don't want to peak

until the playoffs, because there's no point in having your best game in the regular season when you have the playoffs coming up."

"Have we reached our potential overall as an offence? No," agreed Bears head coach Jerry Priesen. "I still think that there are a lot of things that we can do at a more consistent level. We're getting better each game, and we haven't put together a complete offence yet, but [last weekend against Calgary] we established our running game, so that gives us an idea of what we can or can't do."

"When I think about SFU, I still remember the bitter taste that I have from the Hardy Cup that they beat us in a couple of years ago."

BEARS' LINEBACKER
DAVE LOWRY

This weekend's tilt at Foote Field will be the second meeting of the year between the teams, and the first since Alberta poured on the second half points to beat SFU 40-18 in the season opener. However, the thoughts and inspiration some Bears are drawing on for this weekend's meeting are from much further in the past than the start of this year, though there was far from a consensus in the locker room on the issue.

"When I think about SFU, I still remember the bitter taste that I have



FILE PHOTO: CORY WANLESS

READY TO STEAMROLL The Bears will look to push their record to 6-1 this weekend when they play Simon Fraser.

from the Hardy Cup that they beat us in a couple of years ago," said linebacker David Lowry. "I think we'll be just as intense as we are against Saskatchewan. We'll be out there firing. They've got a veteran offensive line and tail back that are really good, so we're going to come out ready to lay some hits on people."

"We're just looking at this as another

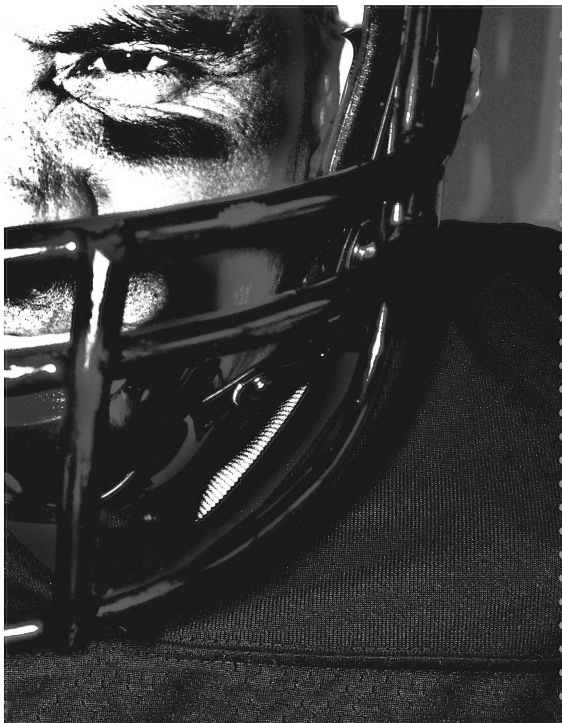
game that we need to win and build some momentum for the playoffs," disagreed Winkle.

They just happen to be who we play this week and they just happen to be the team that beat us a couple of years ago in the Hardy Cup.

"They're definitely a different team than they were two years ago, and

we're a different team," he added.

"They've been in a lot of close games and just come out on the losing side, which kind of reminds me of my first year here where we went 1-7. We were in every game, but lost three or four by a couple of points. Those are tough years and you never want to see any team go through that."



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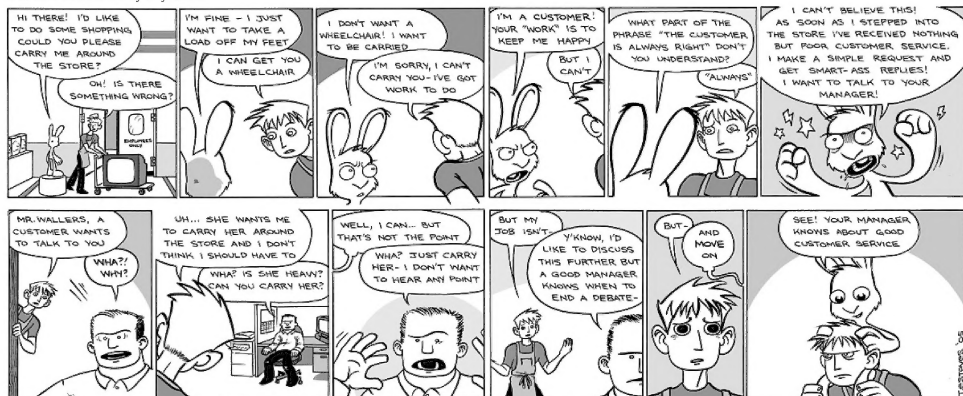


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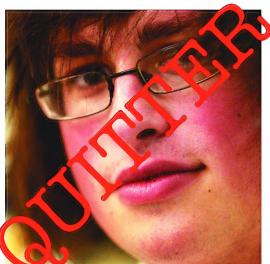


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JAPANESE DRUMMING BEGINNER WORKSHOPS Share in this rigorous, choreographed activity for fun or potential membership with Ki No Taiko. Wed, 9 Nov or 16 level. Mon, 14 Nov (level) or Sat, 19 Nov (day). \$40. Minimum age 14. Ph 431-0300; info@kitanotaiko.ca; www.kitanotaiko.ca.

Karma Tashi Ling offers Beginner's Tibetan Buddhism, six Mondays, Oct 24-Nov 28, 7-9pm, 10920-70 Ave. \$50 incl texts. Info 439-2492.

Red Deer College in Kenya. 1-30 May 2006. Maasai Mara Tawo National Park, Indian Ocean Coast. Principles of ecology and/or indigenous and cultural minorities in the modern world. www.dcbc.ca (403) 342-3504.

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Grimshaw Trucking is looking for part-time data entry clerks, 4 to 5 hours in the evening, 1 to 3 nights a week. Required typing speed >40 wpm. Contact Dave at 414-2835 or rogers_d@grimshaw-trucking.com.

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